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sex offender program. I personally don't think it's the best sex offender program in the world because I've seen them kick more people out than have finished. However, I think it does do some good, and it can be moved. If we're talking about closing the juvenile facility in Omaha, they said them kids are going to be victimized by the older prisoners. That would be their fault if they did because they would be putting them in that population. They can segregate them. They segregate protective custody. They segregate sex offenders. They segregate psych offenders. It can be done, and that treatment can be done in any one of the other facilities. They proved it when we moved NCTC out there. Some things to add: Oklahoma's Governor Frank Keating, a conservative Republican, has asked the parole authority in that state to find 1,000 nonviolent inmates for release, due to the state's budgetary crisis.

SENATOR VRTISKA: One minute.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Do we have a budgetary crisis? (Laugh) Ten million dollars. It's hell. We have other states that are closing facilities. Ohio, Illinois and Utah have closed prisons. NCSL also reports that Pennsylvania has closed a prison. I'm suggesting to us, colleagues, that it's time for us to make a move, too, and I think we could do that safely here. And as far as Don Pederson's amendment, I do support it. Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Dwite Pedersen. Senator Schimek, on the Pederson amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I feel like there's a train coming down the tracks and if we don't all stop, look, and listen, somebody is going to get hurt. I rise in opposition to the Don Pederson amendment, not because I don't think it makes the bill better, but because it makes the bill better (laugh) and I don't want the bill to be palatable because I think the bill is the wrong bill at the wrong time. And I appreciate, I really do appreciate, everything that Dwite Pedersen tries to do to make our correctional system better, and I agree with him on so many of the issues. But in this instant, I don't think we've had time to do serious thinking about what